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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director California Department of Transportation 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500

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Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SACOG 2001 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 01-07 and Air Quality Conformity

Determination

We have completed our review of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Amendment No. 01-07 to the 2000/2001 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and air quality conformity determination that was submitted with your letter dated November 13, 2001. SACOG's Amendment No. 01-07 makes various revisions to the State, Local Highway and Transit Elements.

The listing of Amendment 7 projects attached to your November 13, 2001 letter was not the projects approved by the SACOG Board, but rather was a listing of Amendment 7 projects as reflected in CTIPS. There are discrepancies between the two listings, and we are taking our approval action on those projects approved by the SACOG Board as reflected in the attachment to this letter. Please work with SACOG to resolve the discrepancies contained in CTIPS

The proposed modification to Project No. PLA19771 does not reflect the required non-Federal match, and is approved subject to SACOG's processing of an administrative amendment that reflects the required non-Federal match.

The proposed modifications to Project Nos. PLA25004, SAC16060, and CAL15722 that are outside of the current FSTIP cycle are not approved as part of this FSTIP amendment and are for information only.

We accept Amendment No. 01-07, subject to the above stipulations, in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that this SACOG amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134, 23 CFR 450, and section 49 USC 53 of the Federal Transit Act.

A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for MTIP Amendment 01-07 is required by 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*). The projects contained in

Amendment 7 are exempt from the conformity determination requirement or have been modeled as part of the previous regional analysis. The SACOG Board approved conformity determination (Resolution No. 38-2001) indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that 2001 MTIP through Amendment 7, conforms to the applicable state implementation plans and accept this air quality conformity determination in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. These findings have been coordinated with the Regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for SACOG's 2001 MTIP through Amendment 01-07. This letter also constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA approval for inclusion of SACOG's MTIP Amendment No. 01-07, with the above-mentioned stipulations, into California's 2000/2001 – 2002/2003 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

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